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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE - OCTOBER 5-7, 1994

1. THE FOLLOWING IS PRESS GUIDANCE FROM WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY
(10/5-7)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

2. AF PRESS GUIDANCE - RWANDA:

Q. WHY IS PRESIDENT BIZIMUNGU HERE? WHO IS HE SEEING?

A. PRESIDENT BIZIMUNGU (BIH-ZEE-MUHN-GOO) IS ON A ONE-DAY PRIVATE VISIT TO WASHINGTON PRIOR TO TRAVELING TO NEW YORK TO ADDRESS THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW. HE IS ACCCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN MINISTER JEAN-MARIE VIANNEY NDAGIJIMANA (EN-DAH-GIH-SHE-MAHN-AH) AND JUSTICE MINISTER ALPHONSE NKUBITO (EN-KOO-BEE-TOE).

HE WILL BE MEETING DEPUTY SECRETARY TALBOTT THIS AFTERNOON. HE MET WITH NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR LAKE AFTER HIS ARRIVAL LAST NIGHT, AND IS ALSO SEEING DEFENSE

SECRETARY PERRY, AID ADMINISTRATOR ATWOOD, AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE TODAY. HIS DELEGATION IS ALSO SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARIES BENNET AND SHATTUCK.

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HE LEAVES FOR NEW YORK THIS EVENING.

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Q. WHAT ARE WE DISCUSSING WITH HIM?

A. WE ARE DISCUSSING WAYS THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, WORKING TOGETHER, CAN HELP ESTABLISH CONDITIONS IN RWANDA THAT WILL ENCOURAGE THE SAFE AND VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION OF THE REFUGEE POPULATION, NATIONAL RECONCILIATION, AND LASTING PEACE.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

3. AF PRESS GUIDANCE - RWANDA

Q. CAN WE HAVE A READOUT ON PRESIDENT BIZIMUNGU'S MEETINGS?

A. PRESIDENT BIZIMUNGU (BIH-ZEE-MUHN-GOO) WAS IN WASHINGTON TUESDAY EVENING AND WEDNESDAY ON A PRIVATE VISIT, PRIOR TO TRAVELING TO NEW YORK TO ADDRESS THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HE WAS ACCCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN MINISTER JEAN-MARIE VIANNEY NDAGIJIMANA (EN-DAH-GIH-SHE-MAHN-AH) AND JUSTICE MINISTER ALPHONSE NKUBITO (EN-KOO-BEE-TOE).

IN STATE, HE MET WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY TALBOTT, UNDER SECRETARY WIRTH, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DOUGLAS BENNET, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND LABOR JOHN SHATTUCK, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS PRUDENCE BUSHNELL, AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR REFUGEES, POPULATION AND MIGRATION CHARLES SYKES.

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THE MEETINGS IN STATE FOCUSED ON WAYS THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, WORKING TOGETHER, CAN HELP ESTABLISH CONDITIONS IN RWANDA THAT WILL ENCOURAGE THE SAFE AND VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION OF THE REFUGEE POPULATION, NATIONAL RECONCILIATION, AND LASTING PEACE.

PRESIDENT BIZIMUNGU ALSO MET WITH AID ADMINISTRATOR ATWOOD

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TO DISCUSS WAYS THE U.S. CAN HELP WITH RWANDA'S RECOVERY EFFORT.

(FYI: BIZIMUNGU ALSO MET WITH NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR LAKE AND DEFENSE SECRETARY PERRY, AND HAD MEETINGS ON THE HILL.)

4. AF PRESS GUIDANCE - SIERRA LEONE

Q: IS THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNED THAT A COUP IS IMMINENT IN SIERRA LEONE?

A: WE HAVE NO INFORMATION THAT A COUP IS IMMINENT IN SIERRA LEONE.

NEVERTHELESS, THERE IS INSECURITY IN MUCH OF THE SOUTHERN AND EASTERN PROVINCES OF THE COUNTRY. ATTACKS ON CIVILIAN AND MILITARY TARGETS BY RENEGADE OR REBEL FORCES PROVIDE A SERIOUS CHALLENGE TO THE STRASSER GOVERNMENT.

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Q: DOES THE UNITED STATES SUPPORT SIERRA LEONE'S MILITARY GOVERNMENT? WHAT FORM DOES THAT SUPPORT TAKE?

A: THE UNITED STATES MAINTAINS CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE. OUR POLICY TOWARD THE COUNTRY IS BASED ON OUR SUPPORT FOR THE GOVERNMENT'S DEMOCRACY TIMETABLE, ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING, AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

IN DOLLAR TERMS, OUR LARGEST CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE BEEN IN THE AREAS OF HUMANITARIAN RELIEF, TO WHICH WE DEVOTED OVER DOLLARS 20 MILLION IN FY 94, AND THE STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM. WE PROVIDED SHORT TERM FINANCING IN MARCH 1994 TO ALLOW THE COUNTRY TO CLEARS ITS ARREARS WITH AND OBTAIN NEW FINANCING FROM THE IMF, AND A DOLLARS 1 MILLION GRANT FOR LONG TERM DEBT RELIEF.

THE US INFORMATION SERVICE HAS CO-SPONSORED NATIONAL DEBATES ON A NEW SIERRA LEONEAN CONSTITUTION, AND WE HAVE PROVIDED LOCAL NGOS AND THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION WITH SMALL GRANTS TO SUPPORT DEMOCRATIZATION.

Q: HOW LARGE IS THE OFFICIAL AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN SIERRA

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LEONE/ HOW MANY AMERICANS LIVE IN THE COUNTRY.

A: THERE ARE 30 FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS, STAFF AND DEPENDENTS AT THE U.S. EMBASSY IN FREETOWN. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 750 U.S. CITIZENS IN COUNTRY, INCLUDING MANY MISSIONARIES. ALL AMERICANS IN COUNTRY ARE SAFE.

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Q: WHO IS THE U.S. AMBASSADOR/

A. LAURALEE PETERS, A CAREER FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER, IS THE U.S. AMBASSADOR.

5. AF PRESS GUIDANCE - LIBERIA

Q: WHAT'S THE SITUATION IN LIBERIA/

A: INTENSE FIGHTING CONTINUES IN ALL AREAS OF THE COUNTRY OUTSIDE OF THE CAPITAL MONROVIA. BECAUSE OF THE FIGHTING, ATTACKS ON RELIEF WORKERS AND THE THEFT OF THEIR VEHICLES, HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE WAS SUSPENDED TO AREAS OUTSIDE THE CAPITAL. PHEBE HOSPITAL IN NIMBA COUNTRY, THE SECOND LARGEST HOSPITAL IN LIBERIA, WAS REPEATEDLY LOOTED AND MANY CIVILIANS KILLED. OVER 120,000 NEW REFUGEES FLEEING THE FIGHTING ENTERED GUINEA AND COTE D'IVOIRE. 43 MEMBERS OF THE UN OBSERVER MISSION WERE ATTACKED AND DETAINED BUT SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED. FOUR MEMBERS OF A WEST AFRICAN PEACEKEEPING FORCE (ECOMOG) WERE KILLED AND 12 WOUNDED WHEN THEY TRIED TO ESCORT RELIEF WORKERS TO SAFETY IN MONROVIA.

Q: HAS CHARLES TAYLOR BEEN DEFEATED/

A: WHILE OPPOSING FORCES HAVE SEIZED TAYLOR'S CAPITAL
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CITY OF GBARNGA, TAYLOR APPEARS TO BE ORGANIZING A COUNTERATTACK TO REGAIN HIS CAPITAL.

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Q: WHAT'S HAPPENED TO FORMER GEN. JULUE WHO TRIED TO
SEIZE CONTROL OF THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT/

A: ON SEPTEMBER 15, FORMER DOE GENERAL CHARLES JULUE TOOK
CONTROL OF THE EXECUTIVE MANSION IN MONROVIA AND
PROCLAIMED HIMSELF THE HEAD OF A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT.
TROOPS FROM THE WEST AFRICAN PEACEKEEPING MISSION ECOMOG
RETOOK THE MANSION AND DETAINED JULUE AND OVER 100 OF HIS
FOLLOWERS. JULUE REMAINS IN PRISON AND THE TRANSITIONAL
GOVERNMENT HAS CHARGED HIM WITH TREASON. MONROVIA IS
TENSE BUT QUIET.

Q: IS THE AKOSOMBO ACCORD DEAD/

A: HEADS OF THREE OF THE SEVEN WARRING FACTIONS SIGNED A
PEACE AGREEMENT IN AKOSOMBO, GHANA ON SEPTEMBER 6 BROKERED
BY NEW ECOWAS CHAIR AND GHANAIAN
PRESIDENT JERRY RAWLINGS. ALTHOUGH THE AKOSOMBO ACCORD
PROVOKED AN OUTCRY FROM CITIZENS IN MONROVIA AS THEY
BELIEVED IT UNDERCUT CIVILIAN PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT,
PRESIDENT RAWLINGS CONTINUES HIS MEDIATION EFFORTS TO END
THE FIVE-YEAR CONFLICT. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT HIS EFFORTS.

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